

**Amendments to the Specification**

Replace the paragraph starting at the line 10 on page 7 as follows.

FIGS. ~~1 & 2~~ 1, 2 & 3 are schematic illustrations of embodiments of the device constructed in accordance with the principles of the present invention.

Add the following paragraph at page 7, line 18.

FIG. 3 is a schematic illustration of an embodiment of the present invention using a coil spring type of spring element.

Add the following paragraph at page 9, line 19.

FIG. 3 schematically illustrates an apparatus 1 using a coil spring 12 type of spring element between a base 3 and a pad 4. Also illustrated are spacers 14 which can be added between the coils 16 of spring 12 to permit the compression force to be adjusted.